

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JULY 20, 2004

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 8:07 A.M.
 - A. Opening Prayer was given by Michael Malinsky, Pastor of Discipleship at St. Peter's Lutheran Church.
 - B. Pledge – Mayor Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C. Roll Call: Present: Ann Devore, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers, August Tindell, Absent: John Brown, George Dutro, Craig Hawes.
 - D. Martha Myers announced Thomas R. Hodek had been selected to temporarily replace Craig Hawes on the Columbus City Council. Mr. Hodek will be sworn in as District 5 Councilman August 3rd at City Hall.
 - E. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting – Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting and Ann Devore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.
- II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.18, 2004, A RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.04.020 AND ORDINANCE NO. 18, 2002, A RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE A DISTRICT MAP OF THE CURENT COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.” Tim Coriden, Columbus City Attorney, presented a district map of the Councilmanic district boundaries to supplement Ordinance No. 18, 2002. Robert Kittle made a statement regarding the facts that the boundaries are not affected but could have been due to the County Commissioners redefining districts. Martha Myers made a motion to approve the resolution. Ann Devore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.
- III. New Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.19, 2004, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.” (LHP Realty, LLP.) Vicki Gochenour, Program Director of Community Development indicated that LHP Realty, LLP was requesting a tax abatement on real property in conjunction with the construction of a new 22,000 sq. ft. facility to be located on Lot 4 in the Columbus Info-Tech Park. Said construction is estimated to cost approximately \$2.3 million. Ryan Hou, President of LHP Realty, LLP indicated that as a result of the expansion, 35 jobs will be retained and 6 new jobs will be added. Robert Kittle indicated that the Incentive Review Committee had met and LHP Realty, LLP was found to be in substantial compliance. Martha Myers made a motion to approve the tax abatement for LHP Realty, LLP. Ann Devore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

- B. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 20, 2004, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.” (Rightway Fasteners Inc.) Judy Jackson, Director of Community Development indicated Rightway Fasteners, Inc. was requesting a tax abatement on personal property in conjunction with the purchase and installation of new manufacturing equipment to be located at its plant located at 7945 South International Drive at a cost of approximately \$2.1 million. As a result of this investment, five (5) new jobs would be created. Two representatives from Rightway Fasteners were present to answer any questions. Judy reported this was Rightway Fastener’s tenth (10th) tax abatement. Robert Kittle indicated the Incentive Review Committee had met and Rightway Fasteners had been found to be in substantial compliance. Ann Devore made a motion to approve the tax abatement for Rightway Fasteners, Inc. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.
- C. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.21, 2004, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, PROVIDING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES.” Art Beck, attorney for Columbus Economic Development Commission introduced Thomas C. Froehle Jr., attorney at Baker and Daniels. Mr. Froehle explained the request for the bond issuance and indicating he was asking for preliminary approval for the issuance of economic development revenue bonds in order to finance the cost of an apartment complex to be located along County Road 150 near the U.S. 31 bypass at Lowell Road. Mr. Froehle introduced Kent Heckaman, Vice President for Sterling Development LLC. Mr. Heckaman explained the intent of Sterling Development. Sterling Development intends to build, own and manage a 160-unit apartment community complete with a community room, fitness center, swimming pool. On-site amenities will include a large 5-acre pond, playground and abundant open green space. The apartment complex will market moderate income families. He explained that the corporation had been in business over 25 years and the corporation would be using local suppliers and contractors to complete this project. Questions were asked by the Council about the site plan, fill dirt and other issues at it related to the complex. After brief discussion, Robert Kittle made a motion to approve the resolution. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.
- D. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.22, 2004, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2004 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR “B” PRIORITY ITEMS.” (City Garage) Jim Norris, Director of Public Safety, requested certain capital items in the Cum Cap Fund be released and approved for purchase. He indicated that most of the equipment needing to be purchased was on a rotation process and items requested are simply in need of being replaced. Martha Myers made a motion to approve the resolution. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

- E. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.23, 2004, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2004 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR “B” PRIORITY ITEMS.” (Transit). Jim Norris asked that the \$36,000 designated in the Cum Cap Fund under Municipal Transit Department be transferred to the Transit Non-Reverting Fund. Martha Myers moved to approve the Resolution. Ann Devore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

IV. Other Business

- A. Standard Committee and Liaison Reports. Committee and Liaison Reports were given for information purposes.
- B. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Common Council is Tuesday, August 3, 2004.
- C. Adjourn – Martha Myers moved to adjourn. Ann Devore seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed by a vote of 4 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 A.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer